



Louisiana Bee and Honey Report

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This report contains the results from the *Bee and Honey Survey*. The data are also posted on our Web site at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/la> and in a more detailed report at the Internet address above. Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaires and interviews for this survey.

2013 Louisiana Honey Production Up 22 Percent

Honey production during 2013 from Louisiana producers with five or more colonies totaled 4.90 million pounds, up 39 percent from 2012. There were 50,000 honey producing colonies in 2013, up 9,000 colonies from the previous year. Yield per colony averaged 98 pounds of honey, up 14 percent from 2012. Honey stocks held by producers on December 15, 2013, were 490,000 pounds, up 248 percent from a year earlier. The state average price for honey held steady from 2012's price, at \$1.83 per pound in 2013. The total value of honey production totaled \$8.97 million, up 39 percent from the previous year.

Honey: Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price, and Value, Louisiana and U.S., 2012-2013¹

Item	Unit	Louisiana			United States		
		2012 ²	2013	% Change from '12	2012 ²	2013	% Change from '12
Honey Producing Colonies ³	1,000 Colonies	41	50	+22	2,539	2,640	+4
Yield per Colony	Pounds	86	98	+14	56.0	56.6	+1
Production	1,000 Pounds	3,526	4,900	+39	142,296	149,499	+5
Stocks on December 15 ⁴	1,000 Pounds	141	490	+248	31,829	38,160	+20
Average Price per Pound ⁵	Cents	183	183	-	199.2	212.1	+6
Value of Production ⁶	1,000 Dollars	6,453	8,967	+39	283,454	317,087	+12

¹ For producers with 5 or more colonies. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State.

² Revised.

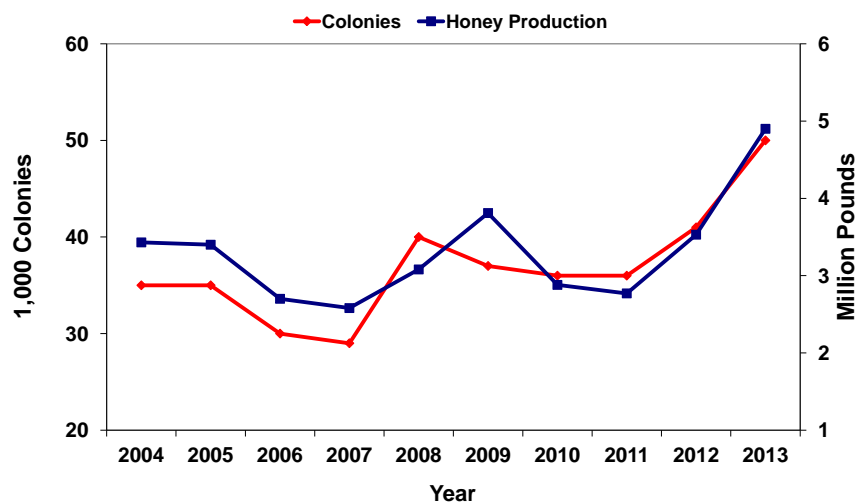
³ Honey producing colonies are the maximum number of colonies from which honey was taken during the year. It is possible to take honey from colonies which did not survive the entire year.

⁴ Stocks held by producers.

⁵ Average price per pound based on expanded sales.

⁶ Value of production is equal to production multiplied by average price per pound.

Honey Producing Colonies and Production, Louisiana, 2004-2013



Honey: Price by Color Class, United States, 2012-2013

Color Class	Average Price per Pound by Marketing Channel								
	Co-op and Private			Retail			All		
	2012	2013	% Change from '12	2012	2013	% Change from '12	2012	2013	% Change from '12
	Cents per Pound			Cents per Pound			Cents per Pound		
All Honey	191.3	204.7	+7	348.0	373.5	+7	199.2	212.1	+6
Water White, Extra White, and White	192.3	211.2	+10	323.9	313.6	-3	194.2	212.6	+9
Extra Light Amber	195.4	203.4	+4	303.5	333.4	+10	200.2	207.6	+4
Light Amber, Amber, and Dark Amber	183.0	194.1	+6	352.4	393.9	+12	205.8	214.0	+4
All Other Honey and Area Specialties	213.4	219.0	+3	519.5	471.2	-9	281.6	241.1	-14

All Honey, Price by Color Class, All Sales, United States, 2009-2013

